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Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" Then, do the Government admit that they have made a mistake in this matter, Sir ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Certainly not, Sir."

Nomination of District Collectors as Members of District Boards.

* 542 Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have nominated District Collectors as members of the District Boards ;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what is the principle underlying such nominations ; and

(*c*) whether the Government will consider the advisability of discontinuing the practice of nominating District Collectors as members of District Boards ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) G.O. No. 1378, L. & M., dated 23rd April 1925, on the subject is placed on the table.[a]

(*c*) The Government see no reason to depart from the present policy.

Nominations to district boards and municipalities since last December.

* 543 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased—

(1) to place before the House a statement showing the community or caste to which the several gentlemen and ladies nominated by Government to district boards and municipalities since last December belong ; and

(2) to state—

(*a*) whether anybody has been nominated to fill in the vacancy of the Indian Christian member in the Trichinopoly District Board ;

(*b*) whether Indian Christians have been nominated elsewhere where there are large bodies of Indian Christians ;

(*c*) if so, who ; and

(*d*) whether the persons so nominated are Roman Catholics or non-Roman Catholics ?

A.—(1) A statement showing the caste or community of persons appointed as members of district boards and municipal councils from 1st December 1926 to 1st July 1927 is placed on the table.[b]

(2) (*a*) Yes. Mrs. Swarnammal Jesudas—an Indian Christian lady—was appointed in June 1927.

(*b*) & (*c*) Indian Christians have also been appointed to the following district boards :—

Name of district board.		Persons appointed.
North Arcot	...	Mr. R. P. Nathaniel, L.M.P.
South Arcot	...	Mrs. G. M. Sargunar, B.A., L.T.
Chingleput	...	Mr. Frank V. Venkatarangam, B.A., L.T.

[a] Vide Appendix IX on page 145 infra. [b] Vide Appendix X on page 146 infra.